

SCHOOL INFORMATION PARTNERSHIP

Using Data To Improve School Results



SchoolResults.org



“We’re beginning a new public/private effort that will post information about test results and student achievement on the Internet, so all parents, all teachers, can monitor progress of their local schools...”

President George W. Bush
September 9, 2003

ABOUT THE SCHOOL INFORMATION PARTNERSHIP

On September 9, 2003, President Bush announced the creation of the School Information Partnership. This public/private collaboration, funded by The Broad Foundation and the U.S. Department of Education, is designed to give all education stakeholders online resources that will help them make informed decisions about student achievement.

The School Information Partnership has created a website, ***www.SchoolResults.org***, that displays the school, district and state data required to be publicly reported by the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. The website

delivers a suite of interactive analytical tools provided by Just for the Kids and Standard & Poor’s School Evaluation Services to empower parents, educators and policymakers to use the NCLB data to improve education decision-making.

The website and interactive tools will be launched throughout 2004. Ultimately, all available and relevant NCLB data for the 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia will be part of *SchoolResults.org*.



TRANSFORMING DATA INTO MEASURABLE RESULTS

The School Information Partnership website, *SchoolResults.org*, is designed to make the report card data required by NCLB widely available, accessible and useful to anyone interested in improving the performance of their schools.

The website can be used in the following ways:

- Schools and districts can widely disseminate the state and local report card data required by the NCLB Act.
- Educators can diagnose the strengths and challenges of their schools or districts; set improvement goals; and find other better-performing schools from which to learn effective practices.
- Parents can gain access to useful student performance information about their children’s schools, as well as neighboring schools and districts.
- State and local policymakers can use the comparative tools and benchmarks to monitor the relative progress of their state’s schools and districts to assist them in their policy decisions.

www.SchoolResults.org provides a powerful suite of easy-to-use analytical tools to help people UNDERSTAND AND COMPARE SCHOOL, DISTRICT AND STATE PROGRESS.

TOOLS PEOPLE CAN USE

- **Comparison Benchmarks** allow a school or district's performance to be compared to state, county and district averages, as well as to the state's annual Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets.
- **Better Performers** search tool identifies schools or districts with similar demographics that have made greater progress on a particular test with any user-specified group of students.
- **Opportunity Gap** charts illustrate the difference in achievement between the selected school and the average of the top comparable schools in the state. These charts will identify each school's opportunity or potential for improvement.
- **Multi-Year Line Charts** compare a school's performance to the top comparable schools in the state, which are those with similar or more disadvantaged student populations, over multiple years.
- **RAMP™ Analyzer** (Reading and Math Proficiency) graphs illustrate each school and district's current rate of improvement on the state's math and reading tests in comparison to the remaining progress required to reach the 100% proficiency goal by 2014.
- **Quick Compare** tool creates a side-by-side comparison on a single page of up to five user-selected schools or districts.

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERS



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The Broad Foundation was founded in 1999 by Eli and Edythe Broad. The Foundation was started with an initial investment of \$100 million that has since been increased by the Broad family to more than \$400 million. The Foundation's mission is to dramatically improve K-12 urban public education through better governance, management and labor relations.

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National Center for Educational Accountability

www.just4kids.org

The National Center for Educational Accountability is a collaborative effort of the Education Commission of the States, The University of Texas at Austin, and Just for the Kids to improve learning through the effective use of school and student data and the identification of best practices.

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www.ed.gov

The U.S. Department of Education is a partner with the states as they implement the No Child Left Behind law – the historic education reform initiative championed by President George W. Bush and supported by broad bipartisan majorities in Congress. The law aims to provide a quality education to all children, regardless of race, ethnicity or socio-economic status.

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STANDARD & POOR'S

www.sp-ses.com

Standard & Poor's School Evaluation Services (SES) is an independent analytical service that provides data analysis and powerful decision-making tools for parents, taxpayers, educators, and policymakers committed to improving student achievement and the management of schools. Standard & Poor's has provided highly valued, independent analysis and widely respected benchmarks for over 140 years.

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